Calne Partnership of Churches
Quarterly Meeting
Thursday 4 July 2024 at 7.30 pm
Venue: St Edmund's Church, Calne

Welcome & Opening Prayer led by Steven Colby, who also welcomed Sarah Errington the new Minister in the Marden Vale Benefice to her first partnership meeting

Quarterly Meeting Business

Representatives

Steven Colby	- Marden Vale Benefice (Chair)	
Rose Addington	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Caspar Bush	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Jenny Colby	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Lyn Cooper	- Calne Methodist Church	
Father Vincent Curtis	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	- Apologies
Sarah Errington	- Marden Vale Benefice	
Derek Gard	- Calne Methodist Church	
Dave Halls	- Dayspring	- Apologies
Elizabeth Hitchens	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Wayne Lawther	- Calne Baptist Church	- Apologies
Craig Manley	- Calne Methodist Church	
John Michaux	- Marden Vale Benefice (Secretary)	
Andy Miller	- Marden Vale Benefice (Treasurer)	- Apologies
Terry Mills	- Calne Baptist Church	
Teresa Quinn	- St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church	
Carole West	- Dayspring	
Jenny Woods	- Calne Baptist Church	
Stan Woods	- Calne Baptist Church and Fairtrade Calne	
Joanne Williams	- Calne Methodist Church	- Apologies

1. **Apologies were recorded as above**

2. **Notice of Any Other Business -**
   - Foodbank Service
   - Wellbeing event
   - Messy Church
   - Update from the Churches

3. **Minutes of the meeting** held on 18 April were declared as a true record and signed by the chair, as were the minutes for 11 July.

4. **Matters Arising**
   - Review of the hustings initiative - it was acknowledged that this had been far more difficult than imagined. It was recommended that in the future if this is attempted whether for one or two constituencies or a combined event that each hustings has a team of three, one to liaise with the candidates, one to liaise with the venue and one to undertake publicity. Thanks were recorded to the venues who offered to help and to those who tried to get this off the ground.

- Bike Meet the Christian Bikers Association will be giving talks in each church on 14 July to publicise the Bike Meet and also will be liaising with St Marys Church to discuss the content of the service on 27 July.
- Social Media - a web page has been set up and Wayne will be asked to talk about it at our next meeting,
- Christmas Tableau - the owner of the arch has not replied, so unless another venue can be found this will not go ahead. The stall at the Lantern Parade will and will be being booked shortly.
- Subscriptions the information from the treasurer was noted.

5. The Methodist Church was thanked for hosting the last joint service, which everyone enjoyed. The next one will be held on Sunday 28 July at 6.00pm in St. Mary's.

6. Stan gave an outline of the Fairtrade event in September. The money to sponsor Patrick Kabera has now been raised, and he will shortly be applying for his visa. He will be in the UK from 9th - 25th September. He will be in Calne mainly from the 9th to 11th September but will be at Kingsbury Green Academy on 20th September. The rest of his time will be spent with Fairtrade groups in Devon, Suffolk and Dorset. (Next year, Kingsbury Green Academy has agreed for the Fairtrade Group to take a week of assemblies in March). An itinerary from Stan detailing Patrick's visit will follow shortly. Caspar has been asked to write or email Stan with confirmation that the Marden Vale Benefice use Fairtrade products wherever possible so they can be added to the list of Fairtrade Churches. (Members were reminded that Traidcraft offer many products including toilet tissue which is available from Amazon and elsewhere.)

7. The Foodbank report was noted and the generosity of the town was appreciated in supporting this venture. The item of Any Other Business was discussed here and, Casper was asked to talk to Kevin Wells about holding a special service to highlight and bless the work of the Foodbank, possibly on the 28 July as part of the joint service.

8. The Blue Bus is running and needs volunteers - it is in Calne on a Friday evening from 6.00–7.00. Currently, it is funded to the end of the calendar year.

9. It was agreed to go ahead with a trifold leaflet for Christmas Services in Calne:
- This means the at the next meeting in October details of the services would be available - these should be the main services e.g. Carol Services, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day etc.
- These would be outlined by date in the leaflet
- John will be finding out costs etc for printing and bring to the next meeting
- John and Steven will be looking at design

10. Members were once again reminded that the Secretary and Chair were resigning next January, so the Partnership needs to finalise who will be taking over these roles.

11. Any Other Business:
- There will be an update of the progress on the Baptist Chapel at the next meeting
- Messy Church, there are now 90 on the role and 45 attended the last one
- On the 14 September there will be a well-being event like last year in the Town Hall. Diane Gooch is organising it and John will contact her for further details.
- Update of Church news would in future be in an agenda item

Meeting closed at 8.45
The next meeting will be Thursday 3rd October at 7.30 at the Baptist Chapel unless advised otherwise.